

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5525

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LCO No. 1678

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by: (PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPERIMENTAL DRUG USE BY PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2002) The Commissioner of
- 2 Mental Retardation shall establish a pilot program to enable any
- 3 guardian of a person with mental retardation to approve experimental
- 4 drug use for such person if (1) the prescribed experimental drug will
- 5 specifically benefit such person's condition, and (2) the Department of
- 6 Mental Retardation, or a committee of the department, has approved
- 7 the use of such experimental drug for such condition. The
- 8 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of
- 9 the general statutes, to implement and administer the pilot program
- 10 established under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program for experimental drug use by persons with mental retardation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]